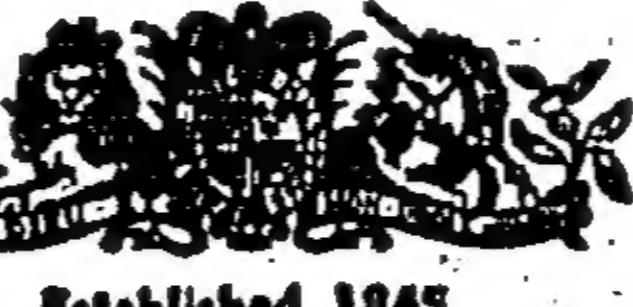


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Sudden Change

THERE appears to have been a sudden change in the British Government's attitude to the flare-up on the China coast, judging by yesterday's Foreign Office statement. Only last week unofficial but nevertheless authoritative reports from London suggested there was no concern. The situation has not noticeably deteriorated since then but yesterday an official statement declared that it "remains serious." Coupled with this is a comment deplored "the psychological warfare which is at present being conducted about the offshore islands" by the Chinese mainland government. The statement is indeed in quite marked contrast to earlier declarations, advocating a Nationalist withdrawal from the islands and the possible reasons for this shift in emphasis are worth examining.

Did America Tell?
LAST week America was reported to have held consultations with Britain on the island situation. It is possible that the Americans made clear what steps would be taken in the event of a Communist invasion of Quemoy. Indeed it would be reasonable to expect the Americans to inform their allies of a decision of this nature foreshadowing as it does possibly far-reaching consequences in which Britain may be involved. It also seems that the time for urging a Nationalist withdrawal from the islands has long passed. Recent reports indicate that Chiang Kai-shek has considerably reinforced Quemoy and, despite the heavy death toll from last week's bombardment, continues to build up its defences. Clearly the Nationalists are adamant that the islands will be held and, if necessary, fought for.

Taipei's attitude is that their loss by evacuation would be a major setback for Nationalist prestige throughout the world and particularly among uncommitted Chinese living in Southeast Asia. Thus Britain may be only admitting the futility of trying to persuade the Nationalists, with whom it has no influence anyway, to adopt a course that they obviously have no intention of taking.

The Wrong Time

ALSO despite its differences with America on the island war, it would be the wrong time to air them publicly now. This leaves Britain with the option of saying nothing or cautioning Peking against taking risks. And in deciding on the latter course Britain may feel that unpopular, as such a course may be with China, relations between the two countries, never very friendly, are unlikely to be seriously worsened.

China has now received the open support of Russia for although the Soviet Government has not directly commented on the affair, it must be assumed that the recent article in Pravda had official sanction. The statement, however, adds little to the situation for it had always been assumed that in the event of a Far Eastern war involving America and China, Russia would be concerned.

In these circumstances it seems that there is little prospect of a British diplomatic approach to Peking succeeding. Intransigence on both sides is manifest. Deterrents—in the form of American and Soviet threats—provide no guarantee of peace and it can only be hoped that the Nationalists make no attempt to retaliate, and thus aggravate an already tense situation, and that the Communists avoid running risks by trying to probe American intentions to the extent of sparking a major clash.

Nationalists Claim Big Sea Victory

BATTLE FOUGHT OFF QUEMOY

The communiqué announcing the Nationalist victory was issued at 8 a.m.

"Our Navy engaged four groups of enemy torpedo boats," the communiqué said, but it gave no specific number of the ships engaged. It did refer to them as "tens of enemy boats."

The Defence Ministry spokesman reporting the communiqué opened his conference with newsmen by saying, "I have good news for you."

Then he proceeded to make the announcement of the naval fight in the midnight-blackened waters of the Formosa Strait.

Last night, the Nationalists had claimed other damage and destruction to numerous Communist small craft and installations in the Quemoy area, where artillery from both sides continued to exchange fire.

The communiqué said the latest sea fight took place at Liao Lo Wan, the bay that washes almost the entire southern coastline of Nationalist-held Big Quemoy Island. It is the bay where Nationalist supplies are unloaded from ships arriving from Formosa and the Pescadores Islands.

The Defence Ministry communiqué said the Communist ships approached Big Quemoy in "four waves of several tens of ships each."

In Washington, Mr John Foster Dulles returned from nine days' holidays today and told reporters that President Eisenhower would have to decide whether the United States would help defend the Nationalist Chinese offshore islands of Quemoy and Matsu.—UPI and Reuter.

Rioting Continues In London

Crowd Of 2,000 Surges Into Notting Hill

London, Sept. 1. Daylong tension in west London colour-conscious Notting Hill district erupted into a full-scale clash late tonight as crowds of whites, hundreds strong, tangled with coloured people armed with milk bottles.

An all-white crowd estimated at over 2,000 surged into Notting Hill's Blenheim Crescent to be met with a fusillade of milk bottles thrown by coloured residents from the high tenement rooftops.

One petrol bomb was hurled down but the flames were quickly extinguished.

The Climax

Patrolling police with dogs moved to the crowds from glass-strewn streets. One man was detained.

This was the climax to a series of incidents in the streets of Notting Hill since dusk.

The first incident that broke the brooding tension came with the twilight: a gang of white youths chased a coloured man through the Bramley Road trouble-centre—scene of successive weekend clashes.

He was cornered once, but slipped away to safety in a green grocery shop till the police came.

Heavy reinforcements of police were moved in to the area as senior officers conferred in high-level talks on emergency anti-riot plans.

Crowds Grown

Police patrolled the streets in pairs and squads were stationed in trucks at strategic points throughout the district.

Since nightfall the crowds in the streets—almost all whites—have grown every hour.

Groups of teenagers and "Teddy-boys" gathered at underground stations and public houses and marched through the streets. Youths came from outside in ancient cars and on motor cycles.

A police spokesman said: "Thousands of people are milling around the whole area."

So for 10 people—four of them whites—had been detained for questioning, he added.

Traffic was forced to a walking pace in the streets affected as the crowds jostled along in the roadway.

In Blenheim Crescent, coloured folk shouted at patrolling policemen, while round the corner in Ladbroke Grove big

BLOOD SAMPLES SENT TO HARWELL

Farnborough, Sept. 1. Blood and bone samples from the body of Lieutenant David Cyril Franklin, second British serviceman to die after being exposed to the effects of Christmas Island nuclear tests, were today sent to Harwell Atomic Energy Research establishment for analysis.

This move was made at the request of the governor for south-east Hampshire. Mr R. N.

Film Has Nothing To Do With Margaret

TOWNSEND: I HAVE NO INTENTION OF RETURNING TO ENGLAND

Paris, Sept. 1. Group Captain Peter Townsend stated here tonight: "I have no intention of returning to my country, England."

Asked if that meant he was not returning to England at all, he replied "It is as I say."

He read his statement to five news agency reporters in his Paris west end hotel apartment, while 60 other reporters and photographers not allowed inside hammed on the door and rang the bell incessantly.

Finally the hotel manager was asked to call police to clear the corridor outside.

Group Captain Townsend, in a light grey suit and red tie, read his statement himself, sitting on a couch surrounded by the five news agency reporters.

Private Affairs

Frowning slightly from time to time, but apparently at ease, he read from handwriting on white notepaper:

"It is time to deny categorically that I have ever made public or caused to be made public revelations concerning my private affairs or those of any other person."

The suggestion that the film I am making will have any connection with my private affairs is as base as it is untrue."

When he referred to "my private affairs," Group Captain Townsend turned to the reporters and said: "You understand what I mean."

His statement went on: "I myself insisted on a clause being written into the film contract which protects me from any reference being made on my or anyone else's private life, as I did with the contract I had with a London newspaper for whom I wrote a series of articles between 1956 and 1958."

Future Plans

The Archbishop was speaking from the pulpit of a cathedral at Mytilene on the island of Lesbos in the Aegean, after a service.

The Archbishop also visited the island of Lemnos where he unveiled a monument to Greek Cypriots who died in the "struggle for freedom."

Later he returned to Athens.—Reuters.

Asked if the planned film had anything to do with Princess Margaret, Mr Stoloff replied: "never."

He explained: "It has no connection at all with the Princess. What interests me is this individual as a man."

Mr Stoloff said Group Captain Townsend and they would leave for Zagreb by air tomorrow.

Asked about a newspaper report that he had returned because of a message from Royal circles disapproving of his capitalising on the name of Princess Margaret, Group Captain Townsend said: "Absolute rubbish."

Group Captain Townsend said he had not seen the report. "I seldom if ever read (Cont'd. on Back Page, Col. 5)

Small One

The charge, quite a small one was found tucked away behind the aircraft's inspection panel.

Senior RAF intelligence officers are now trying to find where the explosive charge could be placed there on an airfield where security measures are among the strictest in the island.

Cyprriot workers employed on the airfield have no contact with aircraft.—Reuters.

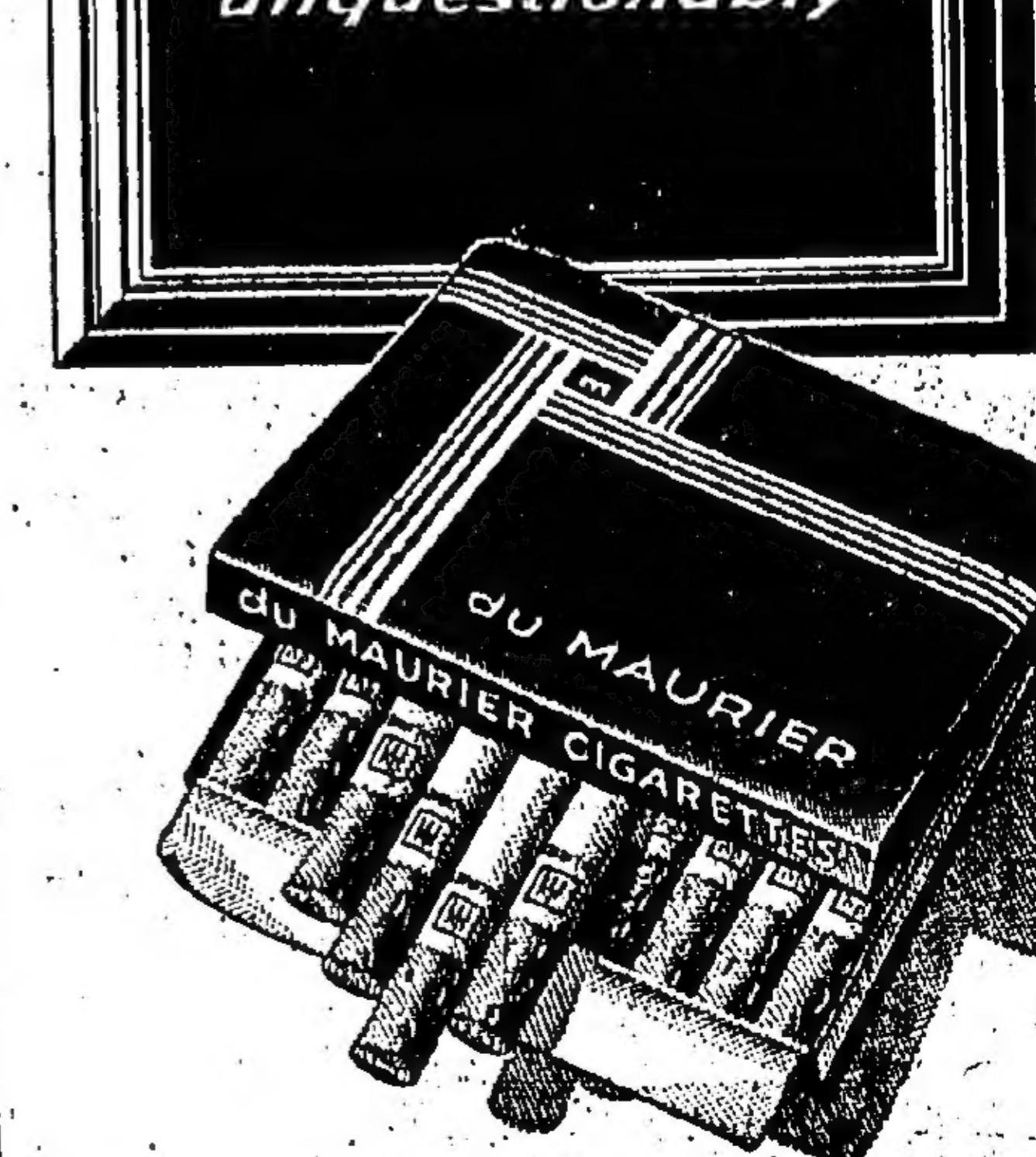
Hindered

Mr Gudmundsson continued: "Today British warships have hindered the vessel of the Icelandic Coast Guard service in their way and this by force protected the illegal fishing of British trawlers inside the new fisheries limit."

"We concluded: 'I appeal to all Icelanders to stand firmly together in defence of the rights and the honour of the nation in this matter.'—Reuters.

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Queen Zein For Switzerland

Rome, Sept. 1. Queen Zein, mother of King Hussein of Jordan, arrived here by air today on her way to have medical treatment on the advice of her doctors.

She was accompanied by the King's two-year-old daughter, Princess Aliya, and by his sister, Princess Basma.—Reuters.

To Represent Ike

New York, Sept. 1. Mr Henry Cabot Lodge will represent President Eisenhower in making a major speech on outer space to the American Legion convention in Chicago tomorrow afternoon.

The U.S. delegation to the United Nations, which Mr Lodge heads, said that the chief delegate would make a new proposal concerning international co-operation and exploration of outer space in his speech—UPI.

Inn Collapses

Saarbruecken, Sept. 1. At least seven people were killed and 21 injured when an inn collapsed in Saarbruecken, in the Saar.

Between 35 and 40 people were buried in the rubble. Seven dead and 21 injured, many of them seriously hurt, have so far been recovered.—Reuters.

Volunteers

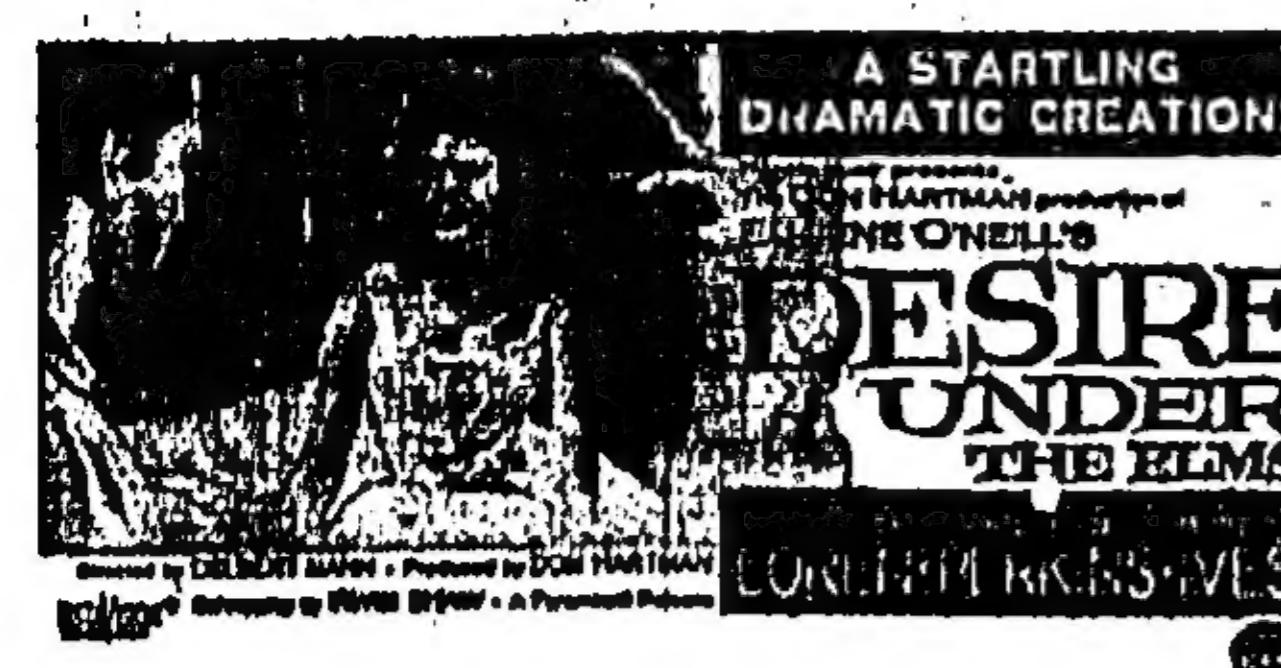
Cairo, Sept. 1. Egyptian trade union leaders have offered to volunteer to fight for the liberation of Formosa, the Chinese Communist Embassy said in a statement issued here tonight.—Reuters.

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Geneva, Sept. 1. Russia, following the lead of the U.S. and Britain, declared tonight that the Soviet Union is removing all secrecy from its attempts so far to harness the H-bomb for power.

The Soviet's chief delegate to the second international atoms-for-peace conference, V. S. Emelyanov, presented the meeting with four thick volumes of information. He later told a news conference, "we have declassified all the work we have done so far."

The United States and Britain announced jointly last week that the last vestiges of secrecy were

being removed from their attempts to make the H-bomb fusion process a benefit to mankind.

Emelyanov said information too late to be included in the volumes, never before published, is on display at the Soviet exhibit for the present two-weeks-long conference.

"Maybe"

He did not answer a question as to whether future fusion work will be kept secret in Russia. The British and U.S. delegations, in answer to the same question, gave a qualified maybe.

"We cannot bind our successors," they said. The Russian announcement came as heads of the big four nations joined in supporting history's second great nuclear conference, called to dedicate the atom to the improvement of man's welfare for decades to come.—U.P.I.

Plants Can Now Be
Several Times
Their Usual Size

Glasgow, Sept. 1. SCIENTISTS have discovered a remarkable new chemical which makes plants grow to several times their usual size, microbiologist Dr P. W. Brian said here today.

He told the British Association for the Advancement of Science, the chemical—Gibberellic Acid—was one of a group of chemical compounds on which investigations were taking place throughout the world.

"They have a most profound effect on the growth and development of plants," he said. "Stem and leaf growth is accelerated if they are sprayed on in minute quantities, so that in some species plants several times larger than usual may be formed."

The effect of the chemical was most notable with biennials which normally flowered only after exposure to low temperatures in winter.

It induced the natural stimuli of temperature or day-length and induced flowering in unsuitable conditions. Thus a biennial could flower in a single season.

Dr Brian said up to now the most promising application appeared in increasing the yield of seedless grapes. The chemical could only be produced by a fermentation process, similar to that involved in making penicillin.—Reuter.

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FINANCIAL AID FOR M.E.

U.S. May Have To Pay Bill Of \$185,000,000

Washington, Sept. 1. U.S. diplomats are holding preliminary economic talks in Beirut and Amman to work out a foreign aid formula that will take Jordan and Lebanon safely through the coming year, U.S. officials said today.

These officials said the financial figures quoted in the two Arab capitals were too high. Reports from the Middle East have said that Lebanon will need \$85,000,000 and Jordan \$100,000,000 during the current American fiscal year that began on June 30.

One official termed the figures "high, very high." Nevertheless, "we believe the diplomats will have no difficulty in finding additional funds needed for Middle East nations in the foreign aid bill passed by Congress before it adjourned.

Hussein's Survival

Officials believe it will take \$50,000,000 this year to keep Jordan afloat. They have been encouraged by political developments in the harassed kingdom and believe young King Hussein stands a good chance of surviving if the United Arab Republic does not launch an all-out campaign against him.

Talks in the two capitals centre on determining exactly and in minute details the needs of the two nations. Lebanon traditionally has had a viable and prosperous economy. Its living standard is considered one of the highest in the Middle East.

Help To Restore

But the smouldering revolt that has plagued the country since last May disrupted normal business life and did untold damage to commerce and industry. Help will be needed to restore Lebanon's economic health.

In Jordan the problem is a different one. The economy is

primitive and undeveloped. Throughout its brief history it has lived on foreign subsidies, first British and now American.

U.S. planners have a number of projects under consideration to help Jordan's development and there will probably be little difficulty obtaining needed funds once the political situation there seems secure enough to make the risks seem at least reasonable.

Among these are the construction of a railroad from the port of Aqaba to Amman and modernization of port facilities.—U.P.I.

FRENCH SECURITY FORCES BRACED FOR SABOTAGE

Paris, Sept. 1. French security officials braced grimly today to meet the new sabotage drive which Algerian rebel chiefs in Cairo have threatened to unleash on French soil.

Guards around Paris international airports at Le Bourget and Orly were reinforced today by platoons of commandos sent to defend the airports after a mysterious incident at Orly field last night.

Three "auspicious-looking individuals" had been spotted near an empty plane at Orly during the night and had fled when watchmen came towards them, police said.

Railway

An attempt at railroad sabotage was also reported from the South of France today.

Police said a lone French cyclist had suddenly come upon three Algerians preparing to lift out a section of railroad track on the main line near the city of Toulouse.

The Algerians assaulted the cyclist and then fled, the police said. The cyclist managed to

People, People And More People



THE brilliant sunshine brings out the huge crowds on to the beach at Margate, Kent, as they make the most of it in the hope that the better weather has come to stay.—Keystone Photo.

TENSION BUILDS UP IN RUMANIA—FEAR OF PEASANT REVOLT

Vienna, Sept. 1. A new tide of terror is sweeping Communist Rumania into despair unparalleled since the purge of Rumanian Foreign Minister Anna Pauker six years ago, according to reliable reports reaching this central European listening post.

More than 100 people were tried during August for "anti-state crimes" and "counter-revolutionary tendencies."

At least 20 of them were sentenced to death. Others got prison terms ranging from five to 25 years.

No class has escaped the reign of terror, believed to be goaded by fears of a Hungarian-style revolution. Factory workers, farmers, politicians and police have all been struck by the long arm of Communist justice.

Bentiu, who spent 10 years in a concentration camp for refusing to co-operate with the Communist regime and emerged this year, was re-arrested two months ago.

Although he was charged with "illegally organising a liberal party in Rumania," close friends of his said his real crime was telling other people of suffering he underwent in the concentration camp.

The Rumanian Government is reported to be facing increasing opposition from peasant farmers who have been increasing restiveness under the imposed collective system.

It announced that it had submitted for approval a draft scheme for new maximum levels for fares to be operated at its own discretion later.—China Mail Special.

London, Sept. 1. The British Transport Commission, which controls the nationalised railway system and the London buses, sought permission today to increase fares, but not for the present.

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Commodore Barry Anderson Uses Teatime Conversation To Fight The Icelandic Fleet

By JOHN CHADWICK

Aboard H.M.B. *Eastbourne*, Sept. 1.

British vessels today played "hide and seek" with Icelandic coastguard patrol ships, while complaining about the fog which limited visibility at times to 100 yards.

All three vessels then set off in parallel directions for the next two hours, after which the Icelandic vessels disappeared towards the Southwest.

The *Eastbourne* continued patrolling its 30-by-10-mile coast town where the trawlers are gathered.

Commodore Barry Anderson of this vessel steamed closer and opened up what he hopes will be "the first of a number of friendly chats" to help dispel tension.

In messages flagged between the *Eastbourne* and the *Thor*, Commodore Anderson said: "My impression is that the whole Icelandic coastguard fleet is at sea."—Reuter.

quired about certain Icelandic old friend who used to command the Thor.

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Severe Sentences Passed Down In Nottingham Court Drama

Nottingham, Sept. 1.

Uproar broke out on the public gallery of a Nottingham court when sentences were read out after a Saturday night brawl.

One redeeming feature of "a very squalid" fight between several hundred people was that no coloured people were involved, it was stated.

Riot fighting followed between rival gangs of youths, counsel added.

Police were assaulted, in some cases viciously.

"It was a very squalid spectacle of an irresponsible Saturday night crowd, excited by drink and publicly, behaving in a thoroughly bad manner," he asserted.

"There was one redeeming feature on this occasion no coloured people were involved in this squalid scene."

Counsel said the press, through publicising the previous Saturday brawl, "should consider carefully to what extent they contributed to the events of last Saturday."

Twenty-three of the defendants, aged between 10 and 45, pleaded not guilty to using threatening behaviour. The 24th, aged 17, pleaded guilty to carrying an offensive weapon, a flick knife.

Five of the accused, found guilty of threatening behaviour, were gaoled for three months each.

Nine were fined £20 each, five £10 each, and one, who pleaded guilty to carrying an offensive weapon, £30.

Uproar broke out in the public gallery as the gaol sentences were read out.

Men and women shouted and screamed. Several were ejected from the courtroom. One woman fainted and had to be carried out.

Nineteen of the defendants were found guilty. Three not guilty and a 16-year-old was remanded to Juvenile Court.

The chairman, Mr. A. Turner, said: "The presence of the coloured population in the city of Nottingham has been used as an excuse for lawless rallies to create violent disturbances and we are going to deal with these offences on that basis."

"This lawlessness is going to stop. We are doing all we can to stop it."

"We are going to treat it as a threat to the peace of the community and we shall act with the utmost severity in our power."

Mr. Turner said the incidents had apparently been sparked off by a photographer but he could not say anything further on that "because it will be made against him."

Nottingham's coloured population "had not nothing whatever to do with the case," he added.—China Mail Special.

BAIL OPPOSED

Glasgow, Sept. 1.

Compulsory retirement based on age was outmoded, archaic and damaging to the mind of man, a local medical officer of health said here today.

Belgrade, Sept. 2. The official Yugoslav Borba today delivered a major attack on the Soviet bloc, accusing it of exercising "direct, uncontrollable assaults" on Yugoslav foreign and internal policies and on its leaders.

In a 2,000-word article signed by Miro Vitorovic, the newspaper's Chief Editor, Borba said the Soviet bloc campaign, which started four months ago, had now reached a new, more rigid phase.

The newspaper complained that the whole Soviet bloc press, with the exception of Poland's, had started to publish attacks on Yugoslavia using "an extraordinarily rude, abusive language which distinguishes itself, primarily by the absence of elementary human courtesy."

Borba said the political and economic pressure against Yugoslavia, already reflected in trade relations between Yugoslavia and Russia, was now being used to create a special anti-Yugoslav atmosphere inside Soviet bloc countries.—Reuter.

London, Sept. 1. A coloured man was said in the Willesden, London, court today to have been beaten up early today by three youths, one of whom held him while the others hit him with bottles.

Three teenagers, Londoners, were remanded in custody for a week charged with causing grievous bodily harm to Lemach Johnson, of Willesden. He was taken to hospital where his injuries needed twelve stitches. The three youths were opposed bail because of the gravity of the offence.—Reuter.

ARBITRARY

Ministry of Labour employment exchanges had failed workers aged 50 and over, for a third of those on the exchanges unemployed, flat were these older workers.

"Compulsory retirement... may be regarded as an arbitrary act on the part of a rapidly changing culture which is unsure of its social and economic responsibilities and of its moral and ethical obligations towards its elderly members," Dr. Cowan said.

"Much could be done to maintain older men in employment, and thereby satisfy their minds, through work analysis and placement, intensive rehabilitation, provision or sheltered workshops, and the avoidance of inducing compulsory retirement on those who dislike it."

China Mail Special.

Montreal, Sept. 1. Governor General Vincent Massey today opened the 40th Congress of the Commonwealth with a warning that universities were treading on dangerous ground by accepting state aid.

Delegates from the British Commonwealth were arriving for the meeting at McGill University, the first time the association had held its quinquennial Congress outside the United Kingdom. The Association was founded in 1912.—U.P.I.

Belirut, Sept. 1. Supporters of the Lebanese opposition leader, Saeb Salam, today seized the equipment of a clandestine radio station, "Voice of Arabia," from its founders, the opposition Nujada Party of Arab Hizb.

The Navy Department said that continuing explosions of ammunition was hampering rescue workers and fire crews. The blast was at Trondenes Forts, one of the largest coastal forts in Northern Europe, and a main bastion for Nato forces in the Arctic.

The whole region around the fort was evacuated as new explosions threatened late in the evening and the people fled into the town, which has 5,000 inhabitants.—U.P.I.

Opposition Feuds

Harstad, Sept. 1.

A munition explosion ripped through a Norwegian army fort near here today and set a fire that was still blazing four hours after the blast.

A spokesman for the naval command in Oslo said tonight he had received reports that six people were dead.

But he could not confirm the accuracy of these reports.

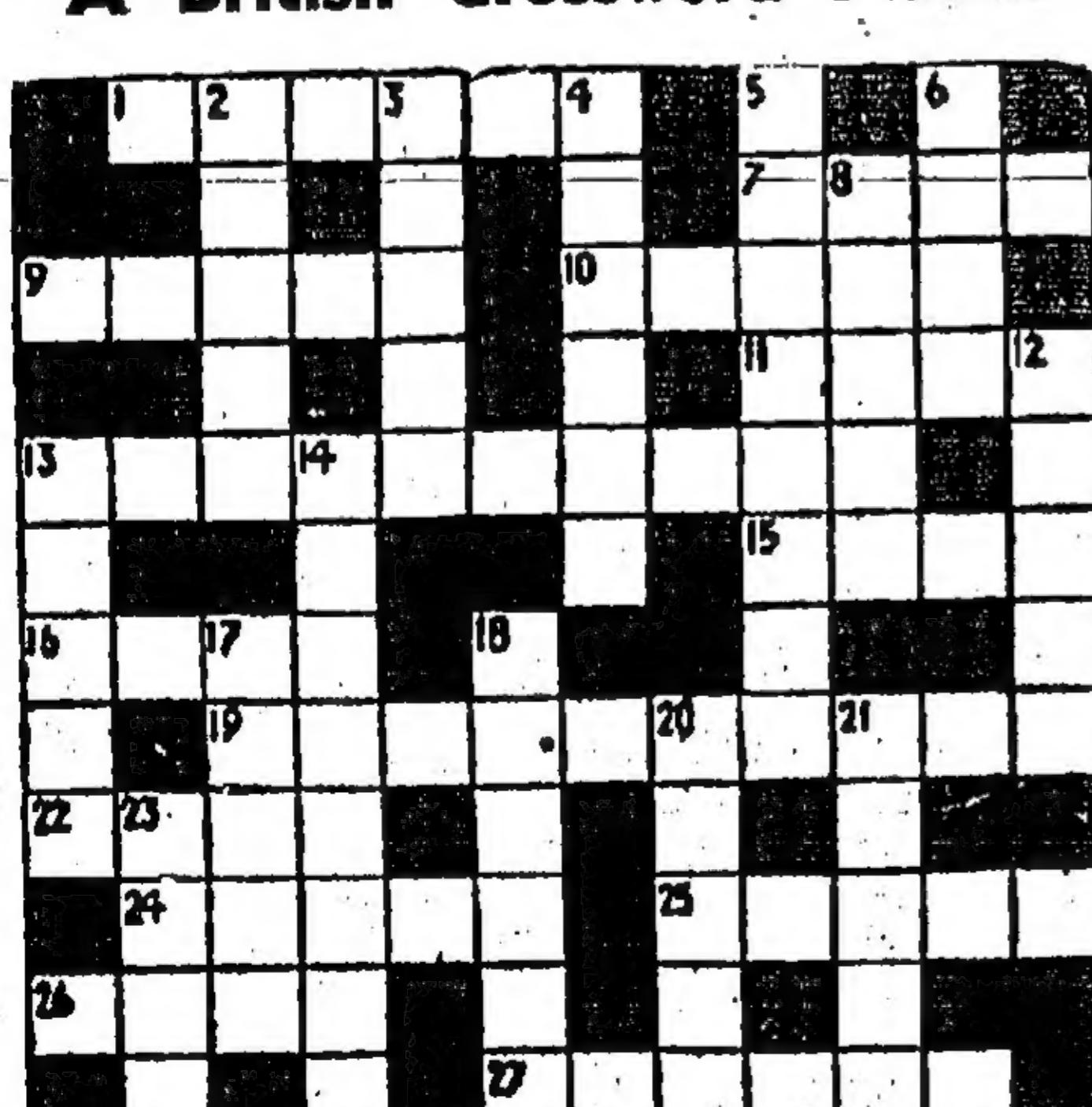
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A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- Shoot for propagation (6).
- Old explosive (4).
- Incredibly exorbitant (6).
- Smith can often needs (6).
- Little home-work (4).
- Decided to be resolved (10).
- The "tented field" (4).
- Wine in the East Indies (4).
- U.S. up-to-date (4).
- Accommodation payments (5).
- Certainly no dull disposition (6).
- Is it a record? Yes! (4).
- Joint fixer (6).

DOWN

- Swift amours (5).
- As an actor, he's little or nothing to my (8).
- Ann's cannibal (6).
- They're often pale, but not in cash (8).
- Little home-work (4).
- Farwell to the valley (4).
- Legends of Italy (5).
- Wife of the Thor (5).
- A legendary one was pied (5).
- Admiral Bird (5).
- Testimony (6).
- Rips, we hear, some weeds (5).
- Fails to contact the girls (6).
- Children's apostrophe? (5).
- Colour, but not very deeply (6).
- Blooming girl (4).

MONDAY'S CROSSWORD—ACROSS: 1 Sobers, 4 Swill, 7 Enamel, 8 List, 10 Raid, 12 Port-cnd, 15 Neans, 16 Lute, 17 Gags, 18 (M) Other, 20 Endure, 21 Root, 23 China, 24 Recre, 25 Trade, 26 A-con-ic, 27 Dose, 1 Glitter, 2 Earnings, 3 Rose, 5 Whistler, 6 Lakota, 8 Good, 11 Do-sa-ic, 12 Prone, 13 European, 14 Doseuse, 15 Anchor, 22 Twerk.

New Malaria Mosquito Threat

Glasgow, Sept. 1.

Although outbreaks of malaria have been cut by 30 per cent in the last 10 years, mosquitoes which carry the disease are becoming resistant to insecticides, a member of the Ross Institute of Tropical Medicine, London, said here today.

Miss C.E. Jackson told the British Association for the Advancement of Science that latest reports showed that in 11 countries six different species of malaria-carrying mosquitoes were no longer affected by the materials used to kill them.

The Ross Institute examined the insecticide-proof mosquito eggs and found that the adult mosquitoes were 800 times as resistant as the normal insects.

This resistance could be increased, but it was possible to control the insects by using a different insecticide.

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Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, the Russian Minister received Mr. Cyrus Eaton, an American multi-millionaire in the Kremlin today.

Mr. Eaton, who is in Russia as guest of the Soviet Ministry of Agriculture, also visited the embassies of the Chinese People's Republic and met the Chinese Ambassador.—Reuter.

THIS WEEK—Yes, It's In Britain!

ZANIES

Arriving in the English
countryside...the first
Made-in-America
H-Bomb Rocket

by CHAPMAN PINCHER

Amsterdam.

The first H-bomb-carrying rocket to be set up in Britain—a 62ft-long Thor—is scheduled to arrive from the United States this week, it was disclosed at the International Rocket Conference in Amsterdam.

Ballistic Missile Site No. 1, secretly built near Feltwell, Norfolk, is ready to receive it.

A giant American plane will fly the huge missile to the U.S. bomber base at Lakenheath. There it will be mounted on the transporter-launcher and taken by road to this base.

Fuel tanks, guidance vehicles, and a mass of other equipment needed to ready the missile for firing have already been flown in by the Americans.

Thick concrete launching pads are ready. The R.A.F. firing crews will begin practice in erecting and handling the missile soon.

AIR-FERRY

The site near Feltwell, which is surrounded by thick barbed wire and protected by guard dogs, is scheduled to be fully operational soon, though the American scientists are far from satisfied with

Thor's performance so far. From now on there will be a steady ferry service of Thor warheads and equipment until the total number of missiles—about 60—are ready for action.

This site and the other missile bases near the East Coast will be under Sir Harry Broadhurst, chief of Bomber Command.

But so few R.A.F. men have been trained for missile work that the bulk of the technicians will be Americans for several months.

ADVISER

Colonel Harry Zink, who is to be the chief U.S. adviser on the site, is already in Britain.

The Americans will keep the H-bomb warheads for Thor in their custody a dump several miles from the missile sites. They would be brought to the sites in the event of serious international tension but even then would be under U.S. control.

The missiles will be fired from Britain only in the event of war. Practice firings will be carried out in the U.S. or possibly in Australia.

BUT...and there's a very big 'BUT' about it!

WHEN the Thor rocket is sited on East Coast launching bases, it will suffer from three major drawbacks:

1. Thor is designed so that it has to be stored and serviced

in the lying-down position. This means it can never be kept in the ground pit, because the pit would have to be more than 70ft. wide.

The cost of building a pit of this size, deep enough to be safe

from bombing, would be prohibitive.

The missile, therefore, must be fired from the surface, which makes it extremely vulnerable to H-bomb attack. Its jet of flame would damage the launching pads so much that each could be used only once.

So, though the pads are simple, so many have to be built that the concreting and road work will cost Britain £10,000,000.

MOBILE

2. With all its equipment Thor was originally designed to be completely mobile. That is why the missile, the guidance and servicing equipment are mounted on trailers and why every part can be air-lifted.

In Britain the sites are to be permanent fixtures in a narrow strip on the East Coast—a missile Maginot Line which the Russians will be able to map precisely.

3. Though the missile is

supposed to be fireable the Thor sites are no part of

British strategic policy. They are little more than forward Nato bases under U.S. control.

Even their value in this capacity is criticized by some U.S. experts in Britain. They quote the views of General James ("Slim Jim") Gavin, who recently resigned his job as Chief of the U.S. Army Office of Research and Development.

INTRICATE

The intricacies of fuelling the rocket are terrific, because it uses liquid fuels—paraffin and liquid oxygen plus helium and nitrogen gas for pressurising them. If the rocket is not fired immediately after filling or emptied there are severe freezing problems.

These facts help to explain why out of 10 Thors test-fired at Cape Canaveral, nine have failed at launching or in flight, usually explosively.

U.S. Defence Secretary Neil McElroy will win his bet to have the first Thor base ready in Britain this year, but its value "if the balloon went up" seems worse than chancy.

Under the new Anglo-U.S. atom agreement the Americans are to keep rigorous custody of the warheads, without which the missiles are useless.

NO GOOD'

They will bring them on site if extreme emergency threatens, but even then they must wait a year from Washington before allowing them to be screwed on to the missiles. Until this is done no fuelling-up can begin.

It is now clear, therefore, that

it is not wide enough for this, Gavin claims.

All Britain is not wide enough

for this, Gavin claims.

Do not think I am siding with the recent protest marchers at an R.A.F. site near Mepal who tried to whip up local opposition to ballistic missiles of any kind for reasons which have little relation to British interests.

I am strongly in favour of H-bomb carrying missiles which can be permanently housed in the upright position in deep underground pits and are completely under British control, as the Blue Streak rocket will be.

My objections are to the Thor, it is now, being mounted on static bases which could be wiped out with a couple of surprise H-bombs.

A deterrent is useless unless it deters. I do not think Mr. Krushchev will be much deterred

if he sees that the Thor sites are no part of

surprise

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TEST SERIES REVIEW

Kiwis Should Have Had A Coach

By NORMAN YARDLEY

(Former England and Yorkshire Captain)

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Skipper John Reid was telling me this week that they have spent more than 144 hours in various pavilions up and down the country watching the rain instead of getting on with the game! That is the equivalent of 3½ solid weeks of cricket!

With a wet ball and soft wickets to contend with after that they never really have had a chance to find their true striking strength.

Most Disappointing

I don't suggest that they could ever have been a match for the full strength of England; they just haven't had the players for that. But they could have put up a stronger show on firmer wickets and with a touch of sun on their backs.

Analysing their play as I have seen it over the summer, I would say that the most disappointing feature was that they didn't seem to improve as they settled to the pace of our slower wickets.

They never seemed to get used to the fact that on English wickets you have to make up your mind, and either play forward all the way—or back all the way. The "half-cock" shot you can get away with on perfect wickets is sudden death against a bowler who can "move" the ball off the seam over here.

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JOHN CHARLES MAY RETURN TO ENGLISH SOCCER IN MANCHESTER UNITED'S COLOURS SAYS BROTHER MEL

By ARCHIE QUICK

One of the most explosive sports statements for a long while has been printed in a South Wales newspaper under the name of Mel Charles. The versatile Swansea International says, without frills: "My brother John will be home from Italy next season", and adds further pieces of intelligence that John is "homesick" and that he, Mel, "believes John will join Manchester United".

Homesickness is a funny thing, and in this case it would be an expensive one. John has everything in the land of the Latics — a huge salary and bonuses, a satisfactory contract, public adulation, sunny skies, money in the bank, great success on the field of play, a mansion, a car and his family around him. If he so wishes, his contract will certainly be extended, and that would mean

another five-figure signing-on fee into his pocket. What can Manchester United offer in exchange? A £10 signing-on fee, £20 a week, £4 for a win and £2 for a draw in extra bonuses, maybe a club house, and there would probably be a job outside football. He would change Mediterranean Blue for Manchester Murk, for there would be no question of his living in South Wales with his own folk.

It can happen, of course, and Mel's pronouncement must carry some weight, but it would be a tremendous financial sacrifice for a young man not yet thirty years of age. A big factor which might induce John is Jimmy Murphy, manager of the Welsh International side and assistant manager of Manchester United. The link is there, and we had private conversations together in Sweden during the World Cup series. If anyone can bring John home it is Jimmy.

United Revival?
Giant John, of course, could be the architect of a Manchester United revival. He likes the centre-half position best of all, and from there, Mel's Busby could weld round him a team as good as any Old Trafford has had in the past.

Altruistic Enough

I know these two Charles brothers well from their Army-playing days. John is altruistic enough to give up luxury, riches and success to come home, if his wife and children are not happy and if he misses the Welsh Valleys and the British way of life.

More likely, I would say, is that words have been accredited to Melvyn which he did not exactly mean. They may have been taken out of context. I remember playing

Sweden, Sept. 1.

Yuri Stepanov, Soviet world record holder in the high jump, (tonight) leaped 2.05 metres (6 ft 8 ins) and beat Sweden's bronze medallist in the European track and field championships, Stig Pettersson, who reached the same height.

In the last attempt, Birgir Asplund again bettered his own Swedish record in hammer throwing to 63.12 metres (207.00 ft). His old record was 62.17 metres (203.90 ft) but it has not yet been recognised.—UPI.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Tennis
Colony Ladies' Tennis Championships: Mixed Doubles, Ladies' Singles, Club Open Mixed Doubles, Club Men's Open Singles, Club Mixed Doubles, Club Men's Singles, H'cap at L.R.C.

SWIMMING

Heats of Annual Chinese Championships, Victoria Park Pool, 8 p.m.

TOMORROW

Bowls
3rd Division: KUGC v Stanley Club, 8.30 p.m.

TENNIS

Colony Ladies' Championships: Mixed Doubles, Ladies' Doubles, Inter-House Tennis Club, Mixed Doubles, Club Men's Open Singles, Club Men's Singles, H'cap at L.R.C.

SWIMMING

Third Annual Swimming of Post Office at EYMA, 7.30 p.m.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN



By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

FERNAND



By Mik

NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

JOHNNY HAZARD



By Frank Robbins

This Football By Numbers Ruins The Game

PERSONALITY PLAYERS
NEEDED TO GIVE IT
ZIP AND GLAMOUR

Says STANLEY MATTHEWS

LET'S start this season with a new outlook. Bring back the personality footballer....take the muzzle off the ball player and get back some of the old zip and glamour into the game.

In the World Cup, with the wonderful play of the Brazilians, people saw how football can be played and they won't be satisfied with kick-and-rush stuff again.

We must show them that the British footballer can and will serve up the same kind of play. Our football has deteriorated since the war. The third-back game, a soul-destroying defensive system of football automaton, is slow—down.

Modern coaching is killing the natural player. He is now being turned out of the assembly lines like a mass-produced machine. Every boy is being taught the same tricks, and any desire to show individuality is frowned on.

Ball-playing skill is drilled out of the youngster on the parade grounds of our League clubs.

Personality Players

When I was young, in the years before the war, every club and the spartans had their share of personality players. They were box-office attractions who drew the big crowds like a magnet.

What have we today? You can count about six top stars and then you begin to struggle.

The really great names of football trained themselves. A little ball on waste ground became a game of football at every opportunity. They lived the game all their lives—that's how they became great. There was no need for coaching schools then.

How different it is now. Players do things by numbers in this era of the blackboard and plans by the score.

I know that team spirit is essential in a successful team in the League. These tactics have won championships, so I suppose there is some reason in going all out for them.

When We Suffer

But I maintain they are ruining British football. They don't make great international players and as a nation we are suffering when we meet other world teams.

If you get 11 top-class ball-playing footballers, you can expect them to mould into a first-

Rugby Results

London, Sept. 1.
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Pontypool 14, Llanelli 0.
Rochrath 17, Welsh Acad. 10.
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FIRST OF THE MANY

Milan, Sept. 1.
Soviet motor racing drivers and cars will probably make their international debut next May in England at Silverstone, according to the Vice-President of the Soviet Automobile Club, Leonide Ananiashev, quoted by this week's edition of the Milan illustrated weekly, *Tempo*.

"They will not try to win at all costs, but rather to establish friendly relations and gain experience," Mr Ananiashev told the magazine in an interview.

He told Russian sports authorities also plan to organise circuit and road races in Russia in years to come which would figure in the international racing calendar.—Reuter.

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Canada, U.S.A., 8 p.m.
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Burma, India, 6 p.m.

China, People's Republic, 9 a.m.

Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, India, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 2 p.m.

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TRANSPORTATION THE ROYAL YACHT BRITANNIA IS A FLOATING PALACE

By TREVOR BLORE

THE elegant Royal accommodation in the 5,760-ton Royal Yacht Britannia makes of it a miniature floating palace. A glistening white hull 400 feet long, with sharp, yacht-like bows and a blunt cruiser stern, is set off by a gleaming gold band below the upper deck, and buff-coloured funnel and three masts all with a smart rake—o' backwards slant.

MEAT-SHIPPING EXPRESS SERVICE

London, Townsville
THE freighter Star (10,725 tons) has docked here, with a cargo of Australian chilled beef on a new express meat-shipping service from Queensland, Australia.

Her owners, the Blue Star Line and Australian meat shippers believe the new service offers Australia the chance to compete much more strongly with the Argentine as Britain's major beef suppliers.

The Blue Star Line by sending ships on the little-used route between the north coast of Australia and New Guinea, is lopping a minimum of 15 days, and a maximum of 25, off the total 45 to 50 day-run.

NEW SHIPS

Four new ships, especially built for the job, are in service, each carrying eleven to twelve hundred tons of chilled beef—with space for more refrigeration if the demand arises.

Meat shippers foresee a weekly service; if other lines join in the scheme, and anticipate that Australia could give Britain almost as regular a supply as the Argentine.

Informed of the new service, Argentine meat sources in London said that Australian meat would never be a substitute for Argentine chilled beef.

PIEDGEE STOCK

"Cattle in the Argentine are pedigree stock," a spokesman said. "Australia can never compete in quality. Even allowing for their shorter run, their beef still takes longer to reach Britain and cannot be in the same condition."

"Even if Australia improves its herds, now, with pedigree stock, it will take many years before they can match the quality of the Argentine."

The Australian Meat Board said that standards of quality were decided ultimately by the meat trade, itself. And the Board was content to let the British meat trade speak for the Australian exports.

A Board official drew attention to a report in the "Meat Trades Journal" on the arrival of the first consignment under the new scheme.

This report said it arrived "in exceptionally bright condition—as good as any Australian beef yet seen at Smithfield's (London meat market) and, what is more important, on a par with the Argentine."—China Mail Special.

New Insulating Material

THE American shipping industry is interested in a new insulating material—a combination of urethane foam and freon—which will make it possible to save considerable space. An insulating layer of new material one inch thick is comparable in insulating value with almost three inches of conventional insulation.

Refrigeration ships, in particular, would benefit from the increased cargo space which the new insulating material would make possible.

Labour Day

All markets were closed in the United States yesterday in observance of Labour Day.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Our Own Correspondent

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$371,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions were:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS	700	740	20,000
INSURANCES	72	74	2,700
Union	271	271	10,000
SHIPPING	5,000	5,000	250,000
Wheatlock	100	100	5,000
DOCKS, ETC.	421	421	20,000
Richard	11,20	11,70	100,000
Provost	1,25	1,25	6,250
LAND, ETC.	29,20	29,80	1,000,000
HIC Hotel	313	32	500,000
Realty	3,25	3,370	10,000
TRUST	1,325	1,571	300,000
Trust	1,215	1,215	100,000
Sangha	1,19	1,19	500,000
Trans XD	25,10	25,10	1,000,000
Yankee	601	605	25,000
C. Light	17,30	17,70	500,000
OT	2,00	2,00	10,000
Electric	27,50	27,50	1,000,000
Micra E	25,30	25,30	500,000
Telephone	25,30	25,30	500,000
INDUSTRIALS	22,20	22,20	500,000
Cement	17	17	10,000
Flights	10,00	11	10,000
Lane, Crew	13	13	10,000
ENTERTAINMENTS	3,16	3,16	10,000
Yacht	4,025	4,025	10,000

DECLINE ARRESTED IN LONDON

London, Sept. 1. After last week's shake-out there were signs that buyers were returning to the markets. Not only was the fall arrested today but many industrial equities gained ground.

A feature of the design of the Royal Yacht is her stability in heavy weather. She is not only fitted with Denny-Brown stabilisers which prevent rolling, but stability is also improved by the use of aluminium for bridge structures and funnel, which reduces the top-weight of the ship and thus makes for reduced rolling in a heavy sea.

STEAM TURBINES

The Denny-Brown stabilisers, now being fitted in most modern liners, are steel fins which move in and out of the hull on either side below the waterline, controlled by gyroscopes, to check the roll of a ship. In the Britannia the single-fin stabilisers are said to damp down a 20 degrees roll to a mere six degrees.

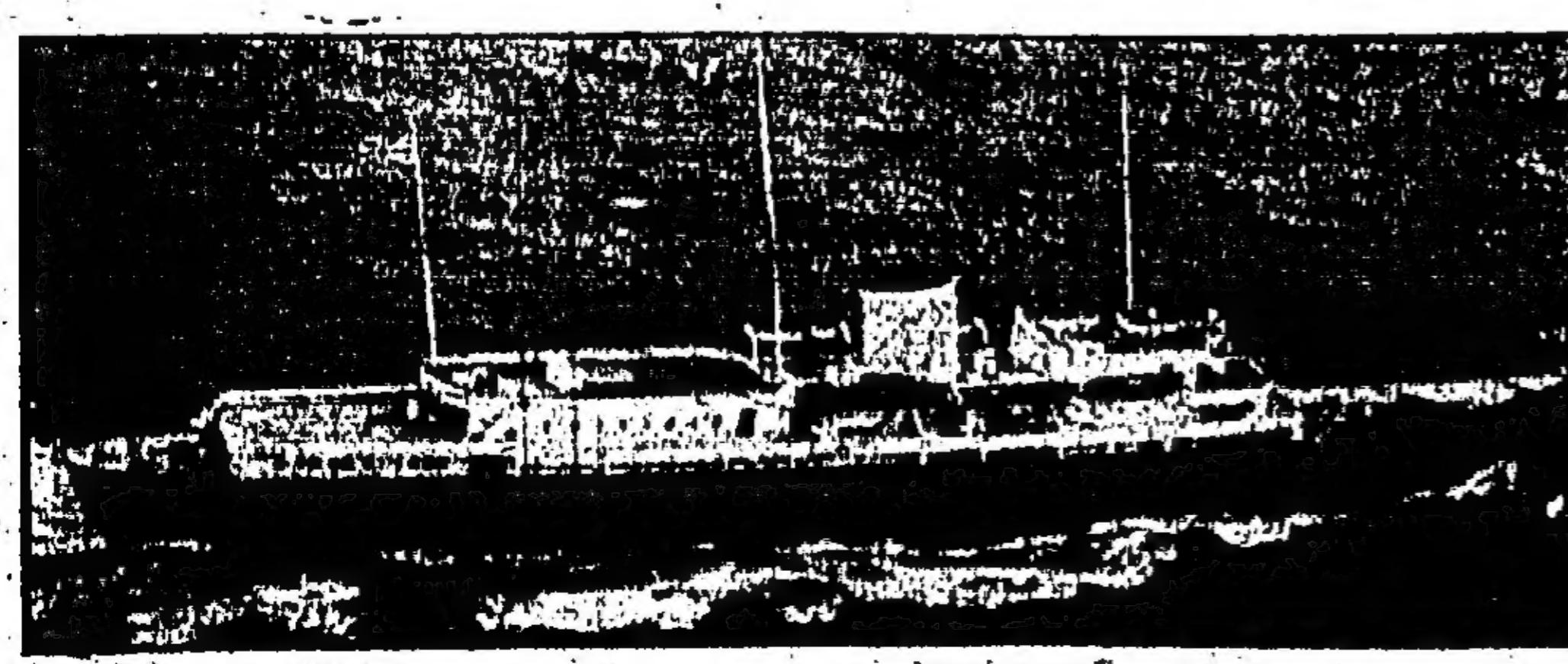
The propelling machinery consists of modern steam turbines which give the Britannia an economical cruising speed of 15 knots, though she can easily work up to 20 knots when required. Like naval sloops, she has plenty of fuel storage, which gives her a long cruising range.

Part of the deck is specially strengthened to embark and operate a helicopter which will be used for a variety of purposes, including the carrying of despatches, mail and from the Queen when she is afloat.

Hand-PICKED CREW

Crew of the Royal Yacht is 20 officers and 222 men. Every member is hand-picked from the very top of his category in the Navy. Each must know his particular duty down to its finest points, and be ready to act on his own initiative at any time. For, traditionally, there is no loud shouting of orders in a Royal Yacht.

If you see along a quay in some port a British naval rating in normal uniform but wearing rubber-soled white shoes, you can be fairly certain he is one of the elite crew of the Britannia.



UK CREDIT DAM BURSTS

Bigger Impression Than Cohen Council's Warning

By RONALD BOXALL

London, Sept. 1. This was the week when the credit dam burst. Bank after bank announced schemes to lend money for the purchase of motor cars and expensive household appliances.

These personal loans will be up to £500 with no security, two years to repay, five per cent interest and debt to be wiped out in the event of the borrower's death.

Hire purchase finance houses moved quickly to forestall this new threat to their business, and "death clauses" introduced into contracts. One large furniture company announced interest-free hire purchase "pending consideration of future policy."

Swamped

All this has naturally made a much bigger impression than Cohen Council's warning that the demand should be expanded "gradually and with caution."

And it is completely swamped the Treasury's almost apologetic disclaimer in its "bulletin for industry" that sales of cars, refrigerators, TV sets and other "durables—consumer goods" expanded by 64 per cent between 1950 and 1957 (despite the credit squeeze that was in force during most of that period) and that was "worth examining" because "such a large proportion" of these goods are sold on credit.

These are the days of anxiety for Britain's economic planners. Their policy of damping down demand has succeeded in stopping inflation. But national economy is now poised like a climber on a steep mountain. It can go up or down, but it cannot stand still. Indefinitely.

The trouble is that no one can be sure that demand will resume its previous ascent after a pause for breath, or whether a rescue operation will have to be organised.

Assumption

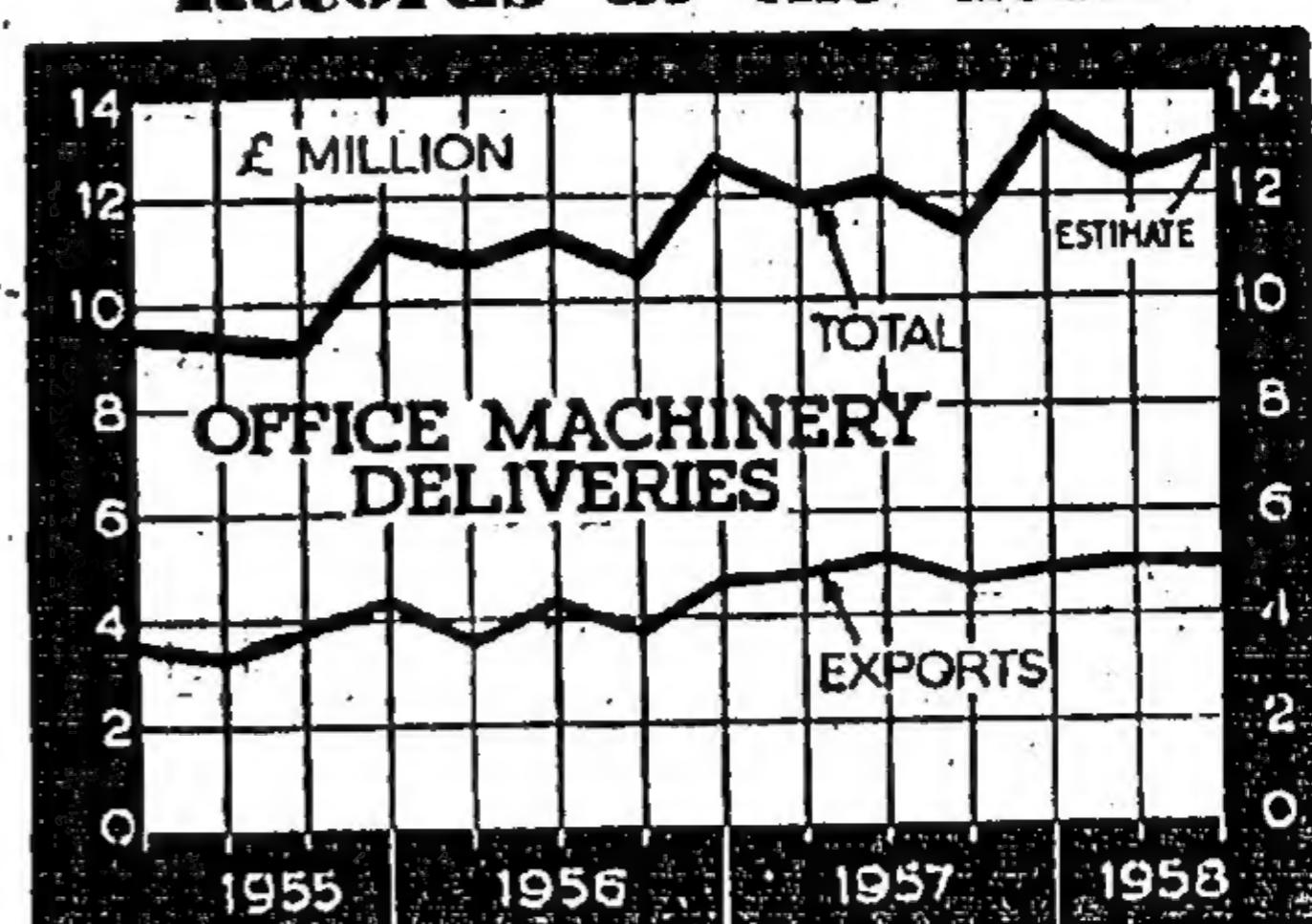
At the moment, the policy-makers are working on the former assumption. Some restrictions have been relaxed, the direct side to expansion, they feel, should be avoided while there is the least danger of renewed inflation. So demand is still being restrained by high taxation, hire-purchase restrictions and so forth.

But there is a growing school of thought which argues that restraint is no longer necessary. Still another body of opinion holds that not only is restraint unnecessary but that we run the risk of a depression by not taking active measures to stimulate demand.

It was against this background that the Council's report was published this week.

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Records at the desk



Signs Of U.S. Business

Improvement

Washington, Sept. 1. A majority of 195 industrial concerns participating in a survey see definite signs of a U.S. business improvement, the National Industrial Conference Board said today.

But the consensus is that there will be no substantial or sustained rise in sales and profit levels before the turn of the year.

The low point in business activity came in March, April and May for some firms, while others are still seeking some positive signs that the business upswing has begun, the Board said.

More Goods

On the whole, it said, the firm's survey expected "to bill more goods" in the second half of the calendar year than the first.

More than half the firms (60 per cent) anticipated a greater volume of orders in the first six months of the year. But 22 per cent predicted no change, and the remaining 22 per cent anticipated a further drop in orders.

Companies in the non-metal industries generally anticipated increased orders in the last half of the year.

Only 47 per cent of the firms in the metal industry group gave similar answers, however.

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RUSH TO BORROW MONEY IN LONDON UNDER NEW SCHEME

London, Sept. 1. Britons, with their eyes on new cars and home decoration, rushed today to borrow money under new "personal loan" schemes sponsored by the Midland and Westminster banks.

A Midland Bank spokesman said that some branches in Central London had been "rushed off their feet" on the first opening day of the plan.

Managers and assistant managers were kept so busy they had to go without lunch.

Bank's Aim

The Midland Bank, one of Britain's biggest, announced unexpectedly last week that it would allow customers to borrow up to £500 without security, repayable over two years. This came as a big surprise to a country accustomed for many years to a tight-listed policy on loans by both banks and government.

The "Three Wise Men," as the Council is sometimes called (though not always politely), are not certain that the removal of restrictions imposed during last autumn's sterling crisis will give sufficient encouragement to business confidence and so to private investment. But they point out that Government has a ready means of encouraging investment in new means of production and of stimulating consumption and so forth.

On the other hand, the scope for increasing demand without straining resources or raising labour costs is likely to be overestimated, they say. In any case expansion of home demand would tend to reduce the balance of payments surplus.

Taking all these factors into account, the Council believes that policy should aim at an expansion of demand but it must proceed "gradually and with caution" and avoid a return to levels of demand similar to those who believe that demand should be held in check.

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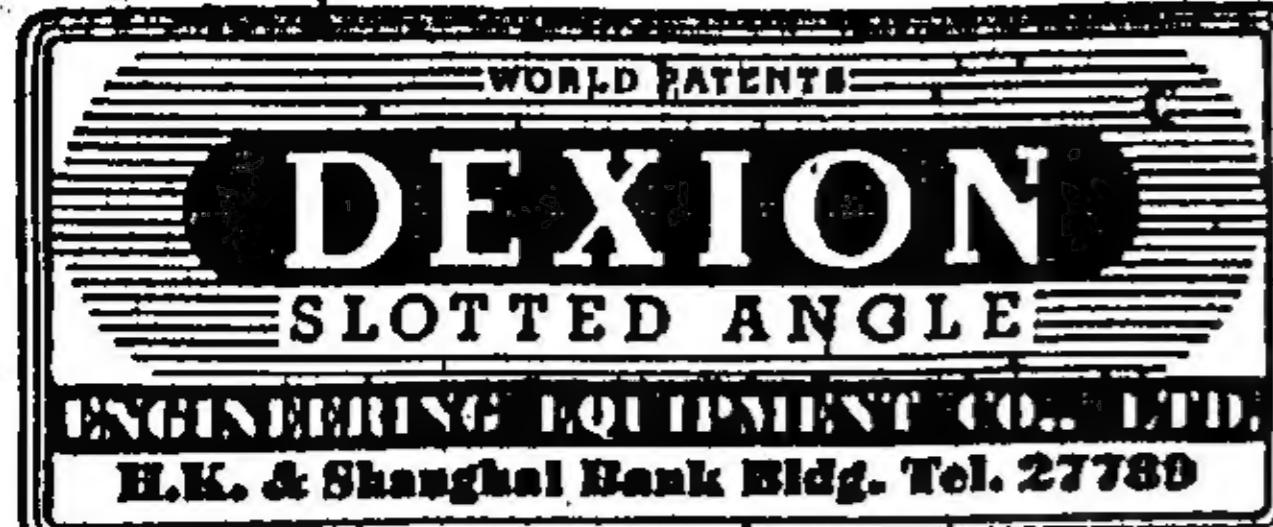
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"CARTHAGE"	21st August	22nd September
"SALSETTE"	22nd August	10th October
"SUNDA"	8th September	20th October
"CANTON"	17th September	20th October
Homewards	Leaves Hongkong	Due London
"SURAT" *	19th September	23rd October
"CARTHAGE"	26th September	27th October
"SOMALI"	18th October	23rd November
"SALSETTE"	22nd October	17th December
"CANTON"	24th October	24th November
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Quemoy—Another Dien Bien Phu? Reported American View

Washington, Sept. 1. The United States Government's latest official stand on its policy in the Formosa Straits in no way constitutes a stiffening of the American attitude or new commitments on the defence of the Nationalist-held coastal islands, informed sources said today.

The American position was stated by the Army Secretary, Mr. Wilbur Brucker, after talks on Formosa with Nationalist leaders. He warned the Communists not to underestimate the recent warnings by President Eisenhower against attacking in the Formosa areas.

The sources said that Mr. Brucker's statements were only a reaffirmation of America's desire to defend Formosa and aid the Nationalists, while maintaining deliberate doubt concerning its position on Quemoy, Matsu and the smaller offshore islands.

No Change

The American Labour Day weekend brought no great change to the military situation in the Formosa Straits. The massive bombardments which had given way to sporadic shelling for 24 hours seem to have resumed.

But although the Government is watching the situation closely, it attaches no particular importance to the degree of intensity of Communist artillery fire.

The United States is reinforcing its air force units on Formosa, but many observers feel it is increasingly evident that the offshore islands are in a special situation which prevents the American Government from stating its intentions clearly in advance.

The position of the islands, next to the mainland coast, makes their defence extremely difficult. Even if Quemoy is strongly fortified, it is apparently becoming an outpost comparable in the minds of American circles to Dien Bien Phu in the Indo-China war.

Island Hopping

The Chinese Communists seem to be preparing to open an island hopping campaign which would start with the invasion of the rocky Tan and Tunglung Islands.

They could seize Small Quemoy and then plan an attack on Big Quemoy. An invasion of Matsu, further north, could probably not be effectively prevented.

An attack on Quemoy would require extensive forces and equipment. China seems to have considered the different aspects of the problem: Either the Nationalist garrison, pounded by the coastal batteries, will simply surrender, or, weakened and demoralised, it will offer no effective resistance to a landing, or it will try to escape to the Pescadores and Formosa.

Since Quemoy is practically cut off from Formosa, any evacuation attempt would be doomed to failure unless it were supported by the American Fleet.

It would be possible however if the Chinese Communists chose not to oppose it too effectively.

The Communist Chinese command may be seeking to gain time by attacking the smaller islands while maintaining its pressure on Quemoy, and waiting for the big island to fall into their hands without the risks of an invasion.—France-Presse.

Movie Star Fined \$25

A Mandarin movie actress, Lau Leung-wah, of room 703 Shaws Building, Nathan Road, was fined \$25 and ordered to pay \$5 costs by Mr. B. V. Rhodes at Kowloon Court this morning for parading her car in an unauthorized place.

Her car was found parked in Graham Court near Kimberley Road, between 9.15 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. on March 13 this year.

When asked by the Police, defendant failed to identify the driver of the car. She also failed to appear in court when summoned at that time.

Defendant appeared in court in the company of a mandarin movie actor, Mr. Lo Wei.

Analysis Of UK Comment On Far East

By GEORGE HORIAT

London, Sept. 1. Britain today officially gave its diplomatic support to the United States in its indirect conflict with China — as the Soviet Union has offered its moral support to the Peking Government.

However, London diplomatic sources thought that neither Britain nor the Soviet Union was planning to take part in an eventual Chinese-American conflict but would try by different means to prevent it.

The British Government which had, until now adopted an attitude of cautious waiting, today stated that it considered the Quemoy situation as serious, that was following it very closely in consultation with the United States, and had decided it deplored the war of nerves started by Peking despite its usual professions of faith in world peace.

Silence

Even more significant, said diplomatic observers, was the prolonged silence of the Foreign Office concerning the legal status of the offshore islands.

Three years ago the British Government said that they belonged geographically and politically to Mainland China and that it was advisable to pull Nationalist troops out of them and leave a hundred miles of open sea between Nationalists and Communists.

Now the Government limits itself to saying only that the situation has changed and they let it be understood that the offshore islands have perhaps become in the meantime, Formosa's first line of defence against Communist invasion.

This position conflicts with that of the majority of British newspapers which think that the offshore islands are not worth even a localised conflict, that the Americans should persuade the Nationalists to evacuate them and that Britain should take the lead in obtaining the admission of China to the United Nations.

Definite Stand

It is probable that in view of British press comments the United States Government might have asked the British Government to take a more definite stand and that the latter concerned with maintaining the spirit of interdependence previously characterising its relations with Washington, decided to do so without making any binding agreements.

Certain British commentators feel that this is also the attitude of the Soviet Union which has used the press to express in carefully weighed terms its support of China's just cause.

In fact these observers say the British Government seems convinced that a major conflict in the Far East is improbable and that the Peking leaders will avoid in time a direct conflict with the United States as they did before.

London would also like to think that the Chinese Communist campaign has ended a diplomatic goal. A similar conference with the Peking delegation will be held at the office of the Commissioner of India, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon Avenue on September 1.

He was also alleged to have resisted arrest when Chief Inspector A.E.G. Wheeler was carrying out his duty.

Defendant was remanded until tomorrow, Chief Inspector A.E.G. Wheeler is prosecuting.

Rickshaw Passenger Injured

Dies In Hospital

A 32-year-old Chinese, Lo Kam Hon, of 265, Des Voeux Road West, third floor, was injured when the rickshaw in which he was riding collided with a private car outside the Main Gate of the Royal Naval Dockyard, Queen's Road East, at about 1.45 p.m. yesterday. He was admitted to Queen Mary Hospital and died at 10.10 p.m. the same day.

Ngu Kin, aged 47, of No. 25 Ngu Kin, first floor, Tal Hang Tung Resettlement Estate, was knocked down and injured by a private car in Chatham Road, near San Wei Street, at 3.15 p.m. yesterday. He was admitted to Kowloon Hospital.

A Chinese woman, as yet unidentified, was admitted to Queen Mary Hospital last night after she had been knocked down by a bus in Hennessy Road, opposite the Lockhart Road market.

Refused

To Plead: Man

Remanded

Mukhtiar Singh, 34, charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest, refused to plead before Mr. A. L. Leathem at Central Magistrate this morning.

He said he did not want an Indian interpreter—all Indians spoke in favour of the Commissioner of India. He wanted a Pakistani Interpreter.

Mukhtiar Singh, residing at the Sikhs Temple, 371, Queen's Road East, was alleged to have behaved in a disorderly manner at the office of the Commissioner of India, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon Avenue on September 1.

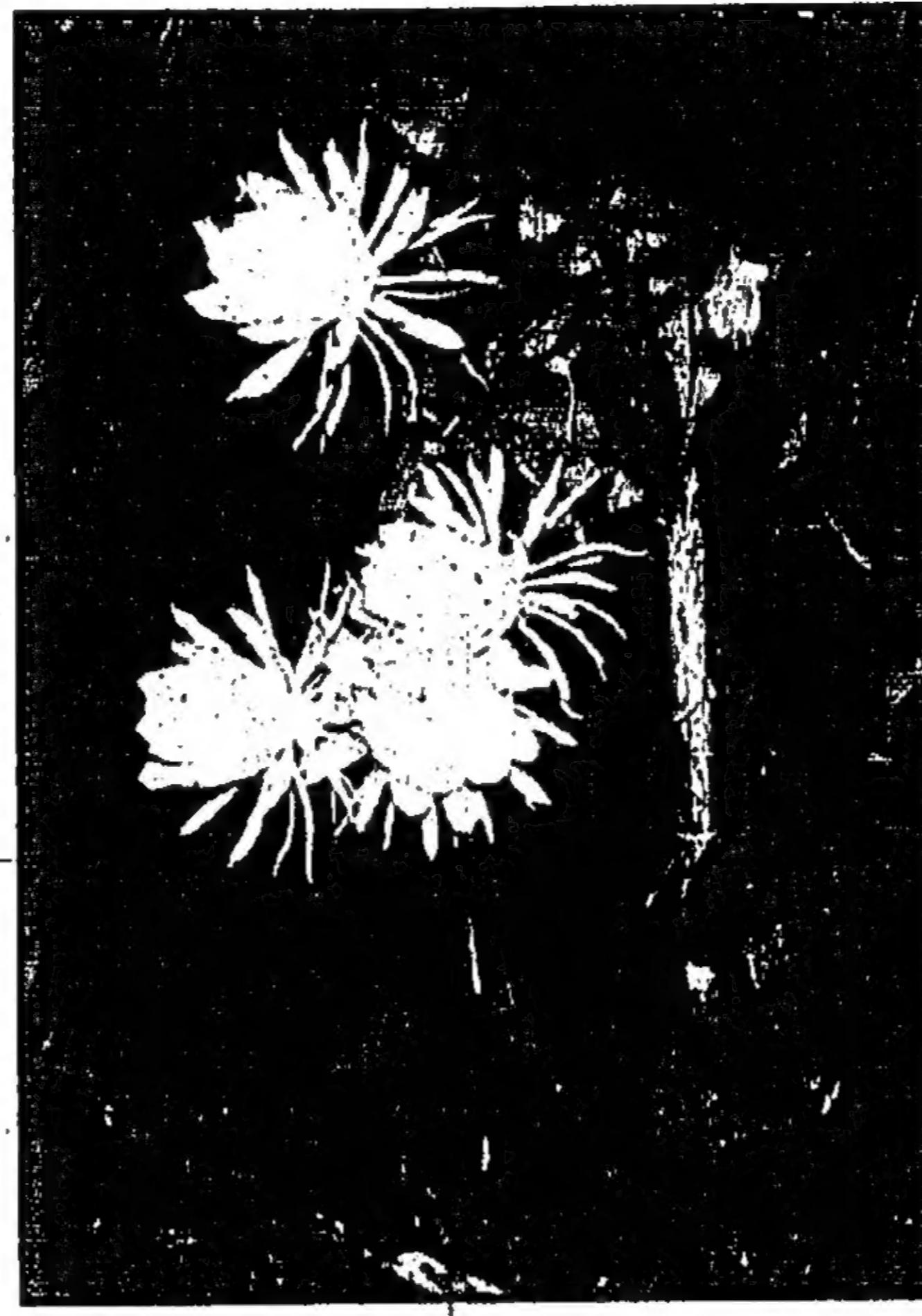
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A sum of \$270 was stolen from No. 6, Tong On Street, fourth floor, shortly after 9 a.m. yesterday.

COLONY RESERVOIRS NOW OVER 90pc FULL

BEAUTY FOR A NIGHT



Our photographer came upon this rare clump of one night flowering cactus blooms growing on a bank at Shatin. In one row of plants there were eleven blooms... out for one night... dead in the morning. If you want to see the same again... come back in 1961.

HK'S TRAFFIC VOLUME DOUBLES IN 6 YEARS

BY A CHINA MAIL REPORTER

During the last six years, the volume of traffic on the Colony's roads has almost doubled, according to the Senior Superintendent, Traffic, Mr. G. N. Ralph.

In the financial year, 1952/53, there were 18,736 registered vehicles in the Colony, of which 15,981 were motorised, and in the last financial year, there were 34,437 registered vehicles, and of these 32,778 were motorised.

According to the latest traffic reports, this makes the density of vehicles in Hongkong, 71 per mile. On January 3, there were 463 miles of roads in the Colony, 150 miles of these being in the New Territories.

Mr. Morrison, the Senior Superintendent, Traffic, now on leave, has said that if the increase in vehicles continues at the same rate, he estimates that there will be 148,000 vehicles, or four times the present volume of traffic will be using the Colony's roads.

The latest growth in the number of vehicles was described as "the greatest increase on record," by Mr. Morrison in his report.

In a recent traffic survey carried out in Singapore, the authorities reported there that the amount of traffic on the Colony's main roads had increased by 45 per cent in the last five years.

Hongkong on the other hand shows a much greater increase, but this is split up into two areas, Hongkong and Kowloon.

On the Island, according to Mr. Ralph, all the vehicles seem to want to come into and leave the centre of town at the same time; and there is only one way they can do this, through the Queen's Road bottleneck.

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Big Gains From Last Night's Heavy Rainfall

Hongkong's reservoirs are now almost 92.8 per cent full according to a Government spokesman, who told the China Mail this morning that last night's heavy showers added nearly 500 million gallons to the reservoirs.

The Colony's reservoirs now hold an estimated 9,714 million gallons. Yesterday, the storage figure was estimated at 9,219 million gallons. Since rain began to fall over the Colony at 9 p.m. last night, the Royal Observatory has recorded a total of 4.14 inches up to 11 a.m. this morning. The rain started as a result of a tropical depression which moved in on the Colony yesterday afternoon, causing the No. 1 storm signal to be raised. The signal was lowered at 2 a.m. this morning.

MOVING AWAY

The depression is now about 100 miles West of the Colony moving West at 10 knots, away from Hongkong. So far this year, the total rainfall since January has been 60.47 inches, which is roughly 89 per cent of the average rainfall years.

The average rainfall from January to September in previous years, according to the Royal Observatory, is 67.45 inches.

The rain caused a minor road collapse in the Upper Level Peak area, at the junction of Park and Lyttleton Roads. Traffic was diverted while engineers carried out an inspection of the damage.

TYPHOON GRACE

The latest report on Typhoon Grace, issued by the Royal Observatory, states that she is now moving NW in the direction of Formosa, at 14 knots. Her position was plotted at 3 a.m., as 18.4 degrees N, 127.9 degrees E.

The Royal Observatory reports that for the rest of the afternoon the weather will be cloudy and showery, but it should clear up later today.

Death Of General Who Surrendered Bataan

Brussels, Ga., Sept. 1. Maj.-Gen. Edward P. King, 74, who made what he called the "ignominious decision" to surrender Bataan to Japanese forces in 1942, died last night of a heart attack.

Death came to the soft-spoken little General at Bruns-wick hospital, near his home on St. Simon's Island, at 10.25 p.m.

General King became ill early Friday morning and was taken to the hospital and placed in an oxygen tent. He suffered at least two heart attacks while in the hospital.

"There is great solidarity and friendship between us. He never wanted to put in the film anything I thought undesirable."

Asked if some people might say the success of the film makes him responsible, he said: "It spares me a lot of trouble," he said.

He added: "I have been drafting a statement, I am not prepared to publicise it but I was proved to be right."

Then he read his statement.

Group Captain Townsend, who said he left England on August 16, said he would like to make it clear that any allegations of animosity between Mr. Stoloff and himself were unfounded.

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Asked if he thought his future

in the Colony was uncertain, he said: "I would like it in this kind of form, with this message."

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From the Files

25 years AGO

THE water situation is revealed in the monthly Water Return just issued which shows that whereas on September 1 last year all the reservoirs were full except the new one at Aberdeen which was five feet below, this year all are very far from full, except Tytman intermediate.

The Tytman reservoir is 29 feet 7 inches below overflow, which means it is empty. The quantity in storage on the island was 1,494.20 million gallons, as compared with 2,289.41 million gallons on September 1, 1928.

It is interesting to note that in the serious drought of 1928-29 the total in storage on September 1, 1928 was 1,749.83 million gallons. Observatory rainfall for the eight months of 1933 was 40.51 inches against 82.55 inches for the same period of 1928.

Exceedingly scathing criticism of the late Lord Kitchener and other outstanding figures of war is uttered by Mr. Lloyd George in the first volume of his war memoirs published today.

Complaint has been frequent in the past of lack of contact between the Navy and the Hongkong community, with a resulting absence of understanding and friendship—extraordinary at naval base and inexplicable in view of the fact that the Colony is unquestionably ship-minded, said a S. C. M. Post leader.

Blame has been apportioned to both sides—the community for its selfishness and to the Navy for its exaggerated independence and its traditional silence. It is noteworthy, however, that naval men have never been absorbed with a particular facility into local life, demonstrating that there is no real difficulty.

It is now a great pleasure to observe that the Navy is liberalising its local outlook and entering more deeply into the Colony's consciousness. This development we appear to owe to the advent of the new Commodore, Commodore F. Elliott, a kinman of Hongkong's first administrator, the famous Captain Elliott.

The first gesture is the proposal to have in the Colony this year a more fitting celebration of Trafalgar Day (October 21) than we have seen here for many years.

This Funny World

